Advert animation impairs children's online text processing and reading comprehension

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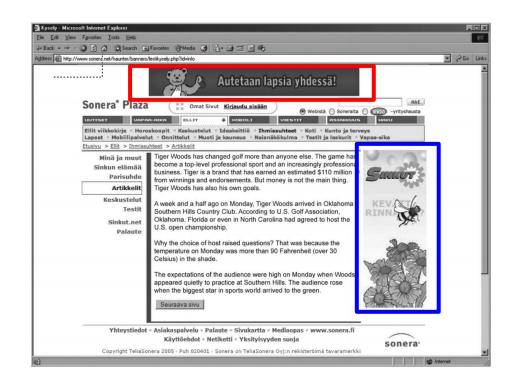
Motivations

- salient online ads
 - studied in adults
 - distracts attention
 - worse performance
- effects on children
 - o task performance?
 - o gaze control?
 - risk groups?



Previous research

- Simola et al., 2011
- position, animation
- advert distraction
 - right pos. animated
- text processing
 - non-significant trend
- comprehension
 - no effect, overt attn?



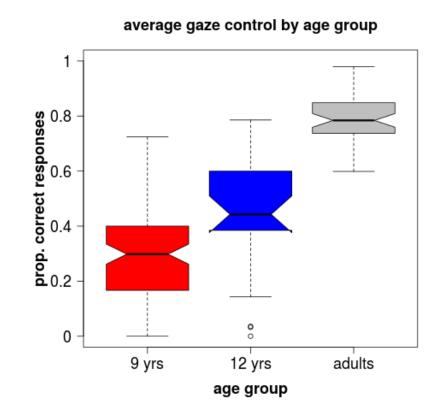
Replication study, 9-year-olds

- 6 texts (IReST)
- right position ads
- 3 adverts (GIF)
 - o static, animated cond.
 - repeated measures
- 3 comp. questions
- anti-saccade pre-test



Voluntary gaze control

- anti-saccade task
 - focus attention
 - filter distraction
 - developing in children
- correct responses
 - measure of individual difference
 - Holmberg et al. 2014



Methods, data collection

participants

- o 57 children, 3rd grade
- o 30 girls, 27 boys
- school environment

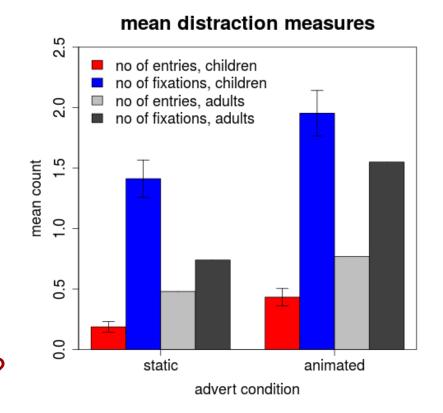
apparatus

- SMI REDm, ExpC
- 120Hz sampling
- IE11 web browser



Replication, advert distraction

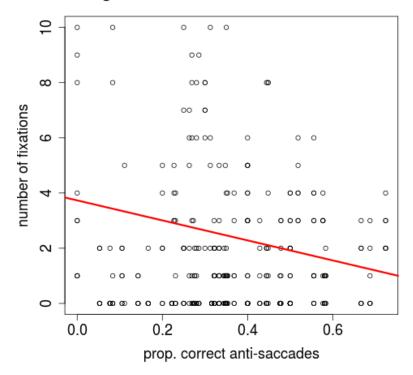
- overall measures
 - 60% ads attended (27%)
 - effects in adult sample
- h1a supported
 - o animation, ad distraction
 - more advert fixations (**)
 - more advert entries (*)
 - o children more distracted?



Gaze control, advert distraction

- previous research
 - free, task-oriented surf
 - Holmberg et al. 2014,
 2015
- h1b supported
 - lower no of entries
 - lower no of fixations (**)
 - better gaze control, less advert distraction

gaze control and fixations on adverts



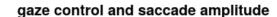
Replication, text processing

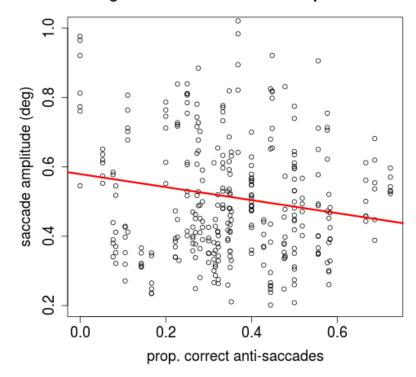
- reading in adults
 - no effects of advert animation on 4 reading measures
- h2a supported
 - some differences between age groups
 - individual differences and text processing?

- fixation duration
 - children > adults
- number of fixations
 - children > adults
- number of entries
 - children < adults
- no of regressions
- saccade amplitude

Gaze control, text processing

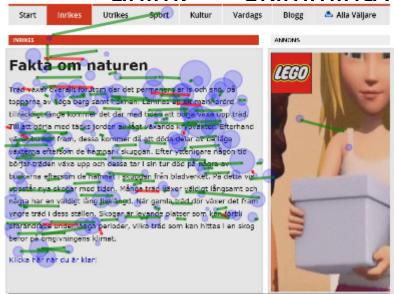
- better gaze control
 - no effects on 4 reading measures
 - saccade amplitude?
- h2b supported
 - no prominent effects
 - but: negative effect
 on saccade amp. (**)



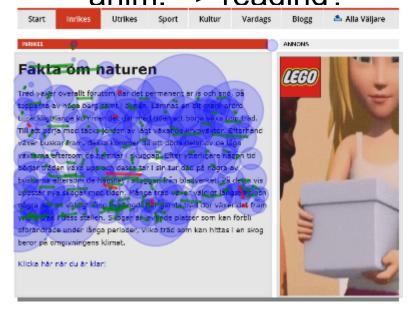


Gaze control, saccade amplitude

low gaze control + anim. => skimming?



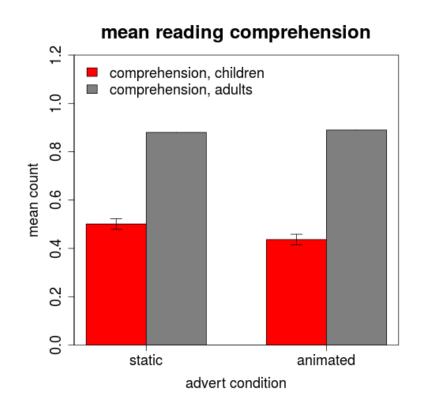
high gaze control + anim. => reading?



Replication, comprehension

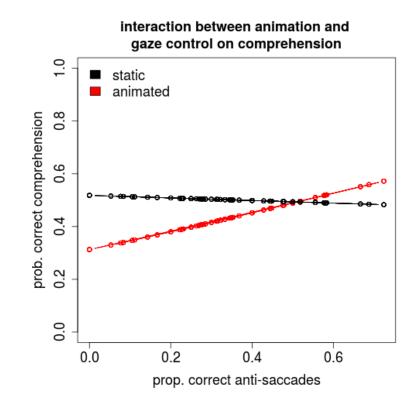
- results, adult sample
 - high overall comp. (88%)
 - no effects of animation

- h3a rejected
 - weak negative effect of animation (*)
 - distraction on covert attention?



Results, comprehension

- combined effects
 - advert animation
 - gaze control
 - correct responses
- logistic regression
 - o effect, gaze control
 - interaction effect
 - probability correct



Results, comprehension

- h3b rejected
 - gaze control, no effect on task performance

- h3c supported
 - lower gaze control,
 negative effect of

